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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS
ROUND V - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO 54

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1. IN DISCUSSION OF TIMING AND VENUE OF RESUMPTION AT LUNCHEON FOR TWO DELEGATIONS DECEMBER 17, MOROKHOV REAFFIRMED TO STOESSEL THAT THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGES TO RESUMING DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA FROM STANDPOINT OF MOST EXPEDITIOUS COMPLETION OF WORK. DELEGATION MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY EXPERTS (READ SOVIET EXPERTS), AND BE

ABLE TO FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON PNE ISSUES, AND NOT BE DISTRACTED BY OTHER DEMANDS ON THEIR TIME ARISING FROM WORKING OUT OF THEIR OFFICES.

2. MOROKHOV SAID THAT, OF COURSE, HE AND AMBASSADOR COULD NOT BE IN GENEVA ALL THE TIME, BUT SUCH WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. TWO DELEGATION HEADS COULD BE IN GENEVA FOR QUITE SHORT PERIODS, AS NECESSARY, TO REVIEW RESULTS OF DELEGATION WORK AND TO PROVIDE ANY NEEDED IMPETUS TO TASK OF REACHING FULL AGREEMENT. STOESSEL AGREED WITH MOROKHOV'S APPROACH.

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3. TIMERBAEV ALSO MADE CLEAR IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS

WITH TWO DELOFFS THAT SOVIETS THINKING POSITIVELY ABOUT
GENEVA VENUE, BUT WOULD WANT AS MUCH LEAD TIME AS
POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO MAKE NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS.

4. AS TO PRECISE DATE FOR RESUMPTION, SOVIETS ALSO
SAID THAT GREATEST AMOUNT OF ADVANCE WORD USEFUL.
STOESSEL SAID HE WOULD TAKE THIS UP JUST AFTER CHRISTMAS
WHEN HE WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS.
STOESSEL

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